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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the non-final action dated May 27, 2003, which carried a shortened-statutory period for response of three months so that a reply is due by August 27, 2003. It is requested that the following amendments be entered.